

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objections to the drawings in view of the substitute drawings submitted herewith. It is submitted that these drawings are in full compliance with the PTO rules and that they do not include new matter.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 8 and 9 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Ornsteen. Among other differences, Ornsteen does not teach a trigger mechanism that disengages completely from a plunger upon release of pressure from the trigger. Instead, the plate 50 of Ornsteen is always in contact with the plunger, and Ornsteen requires the complicated structure of the lever 60 to relieve pressure on the plunger. The apparatus of the invention requires no such additional structure.

Moreover, Ornsteen does not disclose that the rod 48 is resilient.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Ornsteen in view of Callan is respectfully requested. The Callan patent appears to show a drive mechanism wherein the trigger is always in contact with the teeth, in contrast to the claimed structure.


Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Ornsteen in view of Belanger is respectfully requested. It is submitted that there is no reason to substitute the trigger mechanism of Belanger for that of Ornsteen because the Belanger mechanism is designed for use with a glue stick and would require a complete redesign of the advancing structure of Ornsteen. The use of this mechanism in the structure of the invention allows a cartridge type gun to be greatly simplified while retaining control over the dispensing of the glue. For example, the invention allows the elimination of lever 60 of such as gun as shown in Ornsteen and would not have been obvious.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Ornsteen in view of Speer. As noted above Ornsteen does not show every feature of the inventive gun and combination with Speer would not produce the invention as claimed.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any outstanding issues.

A three-month extension of time is respectfully requested. Please charge the amount of \$555.00 for the extension of time fee and any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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